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EDITORIAL NOTES

ANNUAL MEETING AT CORONADO.

Do not fail to mark on your next year's calendar the third week in April. The State Society will meet at Coronado the third Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of April, 1917. We are advised directly by the local society that they have already made arrangements at the Hotel El Coronado for accommodations for all our members who may attend, and for an ample supply of meeting rooms and the like. The local committee is also at work on arrangements for the entertainment of the members and their families, and from what is heard from the southern part of the state, next year's meeting ought to be in the nature of a "record-breaker." Certainly many things of the greatest importance will come before the Society for consideration.

INCREASED COSTS.

The cost of practically everything has in the last two years increased. This is particularly true of things relating to printing. For instance, the paper on which these words appear has more than doubled in cost within the last two years, making an increased expense of about \$700 a year. This additional cost extends into everything in the shape of paper used in the office, and large quantities of paper of all sorts are consumed in your office every year. Printing-ink, and particularly colored inks, have increased enormously in cost. Some colors which formerly sold at 80 cents a pound are now scarce at \$30 a pound.

If any of our members can assist us in securing additional advertisements to help make up some of this increased cost, it will be a great and distinct benefit to your Society.

INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS.

The report of the Industrial Accident Commission for the year 1915 is interesting. The crude figures, taken from an analysis of the report as published in the *San Francisco Recorder*, are as follows:

"There were reported 67,538 injuries, as follows: Fatal, 533; permanent, 1264; temporary, 65,741.

"The total payments for the above injuries, reported up to June 30, 1916, amounted to \$2,002,706.04. This sum was apportioned between: Compensation to injured, \$1,150,503.56; medical payments, \$852,202.48.

"There were 13,254 injuries out of the 67,538 that lasted 15 days and over."

In 1915 there was a reduction of 158 industrial deaths from the year 1914, and there was also a decrease to the extent of 28 in permanent injuries. Temporary injuries, however, increased to the extent of 5500, thus confirming the universal experience the world over, that as compulsory industrial accident insurance progresses more care is given to those early and generally regarded as slight injuries, which not infrequently become serious. Of the amount of money paid for medical treatment, probably a conservative estimate would be to the effect that three-fourths of this would not have been paid for medical treatment had it not been for the industrial accident law.

MALPRACTICE; A CURIOUS COINCIDENCE.

The establishment of the Malpractice Indemnity Fund and the circular letter which was sent out to all members have resulted in a very large correspondence on the subject. Some of this will be referred to in another note. Singularly enough, in one mail came two very interesting letters:

I. A member of the Society wrote in, saying that he had been in practise 25 years; that he did not lack confidence in his skill and judgment; that he was never careless or negligent; that he had never been sued and did not expect ever to